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RIGHT TO APPROVE THE "RED CRYSTAL"

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(SBU) During a November 27 meeting with Ministry of Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Khaled Al-Jarallah, the Ambassador informed him of the impending signature of a memorandum of understanding between the Israeli National Society, Magen David Adom (MDA), and the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (ref A). He said the agreement gives momentum to the discussions on adopting the third additional protocol to the Geneva Conventions and paves the way for resolving the longstanding issue. He added that approving the use of the "red crystal" would facilitate the humanitarian work of not only the MDA, but also of other national societies in Europe and Africa. He encouraged the GOK to review the matter and support the additional protocol at the December 5 - 6 diplomatic conference in Geneva. Al-Jarallah seemed interested in the recent developments and promised to review the issue and the GOK position.

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